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Application No.: 10/604,393
Docket No.: 10026-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 1-29. Specifically, according to the Office Action, claims 1-29 are drawn to three Species under 35 U.S.C. §121. Reconsideration and allowance of those claims is respectfully requested.

Response to Restriction Requirement

With respect to the restriction, the Applicants elect Species I, claims 1-8 & 10 and hereby cancel Species II and III, claims 11-29 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 9 is cancelled for clarity. Applicants also reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

Remark to the Amendment of the Specification and the Abstract

The specification and the abstract are amended for clarity. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-8 and 10 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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